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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SHUM, SF, WA
SUBJ: NAMIBIA: BOOKLET ON TORTURE

REF: PRETORIA 6885

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS OF OCTOBER 19 REPORTS THE PUBLICATION
IN WINDHOEK OF A BOOKLET ENTITLED "TORTURE -- A CANCER
IN OUR SOCIETY" WHICH ALLEGES THAT TORTURE HAS BECOME IN-
STITUTIONALIZED IN NAMIBIA. THE BOOKLET, WHICH WAS
AUTHORED BY FATHER HEINZ HUNKE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
AND JUSTIN ELLIS OF THE CHRISTIAN CENTER, WAS ISSUED IN
RESPONSE TO A RECENT STATEMENT BY ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL
SYTEYN THAT TORTURE WAS NOT COMMON IN NAMIBIA. HUNKE TOLD
US THAT THE PUBLICATION WAS BASED PRIMARILY ON SWORN
STATEMENTS BY PAST TORTURE VICTIMS WHICH WERE PRESENTED
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IN EVIDENCE AT A DECEMBER COURT HEARING ON SWAPO
DETAINEE BERNARDUS PETRUS (REFTEL). HUNKE SAID
THAT ALTHOUGH THE PUBLICATION HAS NOT BEEN BANNED,
300 COPIES SENT THROUGH THE MAIL HAD NOT REACHED
THEIR DESTINATIONS AND HAD EVIDENTLY BEEN CONFISCATED.
HE SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO HAVE TWO COPIES HAND
DELIVERED TO CONGEN JOHANNESBURG.

2. FOR JOHANNESBURG: ON RECEIPT PLEASE FORWARD
BOOKLETS TO EMBASSY CAPE TOWN AND AF/S.BOWDLER

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